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SUBJECT: UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL CANDIDATES (EL SALVADOR)

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Classified By: DCM Michael A. Butler for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (U) Per reftel A instructions, diplomatic note from Secretary Rice to Foreign Minister Lainez was delivered to

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the GOES Foreign Ministry on April 24.

[1](#)2. (C) On April 28, poloff discussed reftels with Mario Rivera, Multilateral Affairs Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Rivera indicated that he had just spoken with the Salvadoran Mission to the United Nations, and that they had discussed the merits of the candidates. He indicated that the GOES would consider the history of human rights violations of the candidate countries along with their bilateral relations with El Salvador.

[1](#)3. (C) On May 2, poloff discussed the candidacy of Iran with Rivera. Rivera indicated that he would share the information with the Salvadoran Mission to the United Nations and that the matter would be discussed further at the Foreign Minister level. Rivera agreed to review the issue with poloff on/about May 4, and indicated that the GOES hoped to finalize their voting preferences by the end of this week. Embassy will report on the GOES position at that time.  
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